

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1125

Introduced by: Representatives Madsen, Cutler, Davis, Hackl, Hanson, Hargens, Hennies, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Konold, LaRue, O'Brien, Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Jim), Rhoden, Sebert, and Teupel and Senators de Hueck, Bogue, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Greenfield, Koetzle, and Vitter

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding construction
2 standards for certain rural electric lines and claims alleging violation of those standards.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 47-21-75 be amended to read as follows:

5 47-21-75. Construction of electric lines by a cooperative shall ~~as a minimum requirement,~~
6 comply with the standards of the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of ~~such~~
7 the construction; provided, however, that where Y-connected circuits with neutral conductors
8 ~~effectively grounded throughout their length are used in the construction or reconstruction of~~
9 ~~electrical distribution or transmission lines, minimum vertical clearance of wires or neutral~~
10 ~~conductors over ground or rails shall be determined by the voltage between the wires and the~~
11 ~~ground, if such voltage does not exceed fifteen thousand volts. Proof of compliance with the~~
12 ~~requirements of an applicable standard establishes due care in the defense of a negligence claim~~
13 ~~alleging a violation of that standard.~~

